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EVENTS

Applying for RHCBS Grant Funds

Rural Homelessness Capacity Building Project

In order to assist with the RHCBS Capacity Building Grant application process, HAC will hold an audio-web training on March 17, 2010 at 1:00 PM EST to discuss the application and answer questions. To sign up for the audio web training, call 1-877-842-RHCBS or email RHCBSinfo@ruralhome.org. This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. Additionally, RHCBS staff are available via the toll free number to answer any questions. [Learn more...](#)

RESOURCES

CSBG IS 09 Reporting & Database Review

Recorded Webinar

The webinar presented by Jenae Bjelland on Monday, March 15 is now posted on the NASCSP website. During this webinar, NASCSP reviewed pertinent reporting requirements of the CSBG IS 09 Survey, and answered questions States had regarding reporting and entering data into the database. [Learn more...](#)

Obama Budget Includes Major Plan to Preserve Needed Affordable Housing

By Will Fischer

The President's \$350 million Transforming Rental Assistance (TRA) initiative, outlined in his fiscal 2011 budget, would enable local housing agencies and private owners to more easily preserve affordable housing, in part by giving them more adequate and sustainable funding to operate it. As a result, TRA would help preserve an estimated 300,000 affordable apartments (both publicly and privately owned) in its first year and more in later years. Most of these apartments house low-income elderly people and people with disabilities, and without TRA many of these units would eventually become uninhabitable or be lost as affordable housing in other ways. [Learn more...](#)

PUBLICATIONS

The Cost of Failure to Enact Health Reform: 2010 - 2020 (Updated)

Bowen Garrett, Matthew Buettgens, Lan Doan, Irene Headen, John Holahan

This report assesses the changes in coverage patterns and health care costs that will occur nationally if major reforms are not enacted. The authors find that by 2015, there could be 59.7 million people uninsured. The number could swell to 67.6 million by 2020, up from an estimated 49.4 million in 2010. As premiums nearly double, employees in small firms would see offers of health insurance almost cut in half, dropping from 41 percent of firms offering insurance in 2010 to 23 percent in

2020. Individual spending could jump 34 percent by 2015 and 79 percent by 2020. [Learn more...](#)

Why Are Young Children Missed So Often in the Census?

By Dr. William P. O'Hare

The Decennial Census is the most important data collection activity undertaken by the U.S. federal statistical system. Because census data are used to apportion Congress and draw redistricting lines for thousands of state and local single-member districts to meet the one-person/one-vote guidelines, the census is at the heart of our political system. Also, census data are used to distribute more than \$400 billion in federal funds each year, and they are widely used by other government statistical agencies to calculate rates or design surveys. [Learn more...](#)

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